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CONFERENCE RESOLUTION ON ISRAEL

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FOLLOWING IS VERBATIM TEXT OF MARCH 5 STATEMENT BY NIGEL FORWARD,
UK MEMBER ILO GOVERNING BODY MADE ON BEHALF OF EC-9 MEMBERS OF
ILO GB. BEGIN TEXT.

MR. FORWARD - I AM SORRY TO INTERFERE WITH YOUR PROPOSAL, IF I
MAY PUT IT THAT WAY. I PROMISE NOT TO DETAIN YOU OR THE GOVERN-
ING BODY FOR MORE THAN 2 MOMENTS, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A SHORT
INTERVENTION, NOT ONLY ON BEHALF OF MY OWN DELEGATION BUT ALSO
ON BEHALF OF THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY WHO ARE,
LIKE THE UNITED KINGDOM, MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMU-
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NOW, THE RESOLUTION OF 1974 HAS BEEN REFERRED TO BY A NUMBER

OF SPEAKERS BUT, FOLLOWING YOUR GUIDANCE, I DO NOT PROPOSE TO FOLLOW THEM BEYOND SAYING THAT THE ATTITUDE OF OUR GOVERNMENTS, ON WHOSE BEHALF I AM SPEAKING, IS WELL KNOWN AND IS ON THE RECORD.

THERE IS NO NEED FOR ME TO SAY ANY MORE. BUT THERE IS ONE REFLECTION THAT HAS OCCURRED TO US WHICH I HAVE BEEN ASKED TO PUT BEFORE YOU AS A RESULT OF THIS ITEM BEING ON THE AGENDA AND OF OUR HAVING HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONSIDER IT. THIS REFLECTION DOES IMPRESS US MORE AND MORE WITH THE UNFORTUNATE CONSEQUENCES THAT CAN FLOW FROM RESOLUTIONS THAT ARE INCONSISTENT WITH WHAT SEEMS TO US THE PROPER PRACTICE OF THE ILO IN THAT THEY CONDEMN A GOVERNMENT BEFORE THE ILO ITSELF HAS CARRIED OUT INVESTIGATIONS. I AM NOT GOING TO DO ANYTHING SO FOOLISH IN ONE OF MY LACK OF EXPERIENCE AS TO THROW STONES AT THE CONFERENCE OR TO PASS JUDGMENT ON PAST ACTIONS OF THE CONFERENCE, BUT WE DO SHARE THE HOPE THAT WAS EXPRESSED BY MY UNITED STATES COLLEAGUE THAT THE CONFERENCE WILL IN FUTURE NOT BE CONFRONTED WITH RESOLUTIONS THAT ARE OPEN TO THE SAME OBJECTION AND THAT THE GOVERNING BODY AND THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL WILL NOT BE CONFRONTED WITH THE TASK OF IMPLEMENTING SUCH RESOLUTIONS. HAVING SAID THAT, I MUST ADMIT THIS DISCUSSION - AND I HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO A WIDENING OF THE DISCUSSION BEYOND THE AGENDA, WHICH AS MANY, AND AS YOU YOURSELF POINTED OUT, DEALS WITH AN INTERIM REPORT, A PURELY DESCRIPTIVE PAPER OF A PROCESS IN HAND WHICH DOES NOT CALL FOR ANY ACTION. I WOULD BE VERY HAPPY TO GO ALONG WITH THE VIEW THAT THIS PAPER SHOULD BE TAKEN NOTE OF AND THAT WE PROCEED TO THE NEXT ITEM. END TEXT. DALE

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